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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Non-Final Action dated September 30, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified U.S. Patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Arguments/Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.